

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN
VICE CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA K. HUBBARD
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 8, 2005 AND DECEMBER 20, 2005

Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving the minutes of December 8, 2005. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving the minutes of December 20, 2005. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Butch Mills, Economic Development Director – addressed Council to give an update of accomplishments for Economic Development during 2005. Various accomplishments included the expansion of water lines, I-95 Gateway completion, and the I-73 announcement. Mr. Mills

stated that he would guarantee that Economic Development would not let Marlboro County sit back and allow progress pass us by.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance # 601 – An Ordinance to Adopt Special Tax Assessments for Historic Properties of Marlboro County Industrial and Business Park – SECOND READING

Discussed in Work session – it was noted the Ordinance would not apply to improvement of properties prior to the passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney advised he would review the document and make red line suggestions for the third reading.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the second reading of Ordinance # 601 – An Ordinance to Adopt Special Tax Assessments for Historic Properties of Marlboro County Industrial and Business Park. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 01-06-01 – A Resolution approving Work Authorization No. 05-02 for Construction Administration Services at the Marlboro County Airport

Ms. Anna Hubbard, County Administrator advised this would allow Talbert & Bright to provide the necessary oversight of work at the airport.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to approve Resolution # 01-06-01 – A Resolution approving Work Authorization No. 05-02 for Construction Administration Services at the Marlboro County Airport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 01-06-02 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR FIXED BASE OPERATOR AND LEASE OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY AIRPORT

It was agreed to put a decision off until a meeting between Mr. Barry Avent, who was present and the Public Works Committee could meet to discuss the agreement further. Mr. Avent was agreeable with this decision.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to table Resolution # 01-06-02 – A Resolution to approve an agreement for Fixed Base Operator and Lease of the Marlboro County Airport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 01-06-03 – A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF MS. ANNA HUBBARD, ADMINISTRATOR OF MARLBORO COUNTY

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman presented a plaque to Ms. Hubbard in recognition of the work she had done during her tenure as Administrator for Marlboro County.

ORDINANCE # 602 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A LEASE OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BLENHEIM BALL FIELD FOR RECREATION PURPOSES – FIRST READING

Ms. Hubbard advised the lease will allow PARD Grant funds to be used for improvements to school property used for recreational purposes by the County.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the first reading of Ordinance # 602 – An Ordinance to approve a lease of the Marlboro County School District Blenheim Ball Field for Recreation purposes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2006.

Ms. Hubbard advised the schedule was the same as in previous years.

Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2006. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION OF LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Various Council Members went to the Court House grounds to view samples of how to complete the walkways by Mr. Billy Freeman's staff. Pictures of the various samples were showed to Council Members unable to attend. All Council members were in agreement to allow Mr. Freeman and Staff to install the basket weave pattern to complete the walkways. It was explained that the concrete meeting the City sidewalks would have to be removed to allow the walkway to be laid even with the sidewalks.

Mr. Grady Sampson, Clemson Extension was present for Council Meeting. He was asked to address Council. Mr. Sampson stated that he had been asked on Council's behalf to obtain bids for plants, turf and irrigation for the Landscaping project. He advised their had been no changes since the original plans had been drawn up. Mr. Sampson advised he would get the bids out to Landscapers per Council's request and asked if anyone wished to know the specifics. Council advised "no" and they appreciated his help.

RECOMMENDATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED FOR THE MURCHISON SCHOOL PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

Ms. Hubbard advised staff had reviewed and ranked the top four firms. After reviewing the proposals Staff has made the recommendation to accept the proposal of Watson, Tate & Savory Architects from Columbia. Ms. Hubbard advised the grant we received from State Archives for \$15,000 had a 50/50 match - Marlboro County is responsible for \$7500 and State Archives \$7500. Council had previously approved acceptance of the grant. The architects will make recommendations of what work is needed for usage of the Murchison building.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to approve acceptance of the proposal by Watson, Tate, Savory Architects. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE REQUEST TO USE MARLBORO COUNTY PART-TIME MAGISTRATE AS PART-TIME ACTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE.

Council discussed allowing Mr. Rob Stanton, part-time magistrate to serve as a part-time acting municipal judge for the City of Bennettsville in work session.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the City of Bennettsville's request to use Marlboro County Part-time Magistrate as part-time acting municipal judge for the City of Bennettsville. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

UTILITY TRAILERS FOR FOUR WHEELERS (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)

Council was advised the trailers would be paid for through grant funds. Bids opened were: Brad's Truck Accessory & Trailer Sales, LLC - \$3093.00, Altman Tractor - \$4417.66, and Goodlett Equipment, Inc. - \$3,230.88.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to table the item for re-bidding. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Design Committee – Mr. Marion Wright advised the Kick-Off meeting had been held January 11th along with the architects and Phil Goff, Pee Dee Cog. He advised the meeting was very productive and that the next meeting had been scheduled for January 25th.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA K. HUBBARD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Hubbard gave the following report:

She advised expenditures are at forty-nine percent (49%) through December 31, 2005.

The Finance Department needed a new server. She advised the current server has been exhausted. Staff has been deleting information to try to obtain additional space without success. This is not alleviating the problem. She requested permission from Council to obtain the new server before losing valuable information. She advised the new server from Smith Data would cost \$6000 for hardware and installation – funds would be taken from Contingency. All Council Members were agreeable.

For informational purposes – Hospital Charities Trust had donated \$21,000 to Marlboro County to off-set the cost of EMS Services. They had also funded \$58,000 for a new Chasis for Marlboro Rescue. A thank you notice had been sent to the Trust.

Wallace Fire Department has requested the paving of their parking lot behind the Rescue Squad Building on highway 177.

Council was updated on the Water Company Issue. Ms. Hubbard advised she would confirm the hearing was to be held January 26th by Judge Baxley in this Circuit.

The Legislative day in Columbia was to be held Tuesday, January 17th. She requested any Council Members that wished to attend to please advise Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk to Council before leaving the Council Meeting.

A grant request had been submitted for the Walk through Metal Detectors for the Court House.

Financially - The Year End Audit noted a healthy fund balance. However, we are using a large portion of it to balance the current budget. The over-all debt capacity – County will be paying off the last of the General Obligation Bond in this Calendar year. Ms. Hubbard advised the debt capacity is there for projects Council deem desirable.

Ms. Hubbard expressed her sincere appreciation for Council's support during her tenure.

Per Chairman Allen's request Ms. Hubbard contacted several of the person's noted on the information sheet from the Association of Counties who work as Administrator's on an Interim basis. Of the two individuals Ms. Hubbard contacted, Mr. Cary McSwain is available to meet with Council with the possibility of serving as Interim Administrator for Marlboro County. She also contacted Mr. Klugh, however, he was not available. Ms. Hubbard stated that Mr. McSwain advised that he and Mr. Miles Hadley had formed a partnership. Ms. Hubbard was advised to contact Mr. McSwain and Mr. Hadley to schedule interviews.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to leave executive session and re-enter Open Session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Allen advised no decisions had been made and no votes had been taken.

Chairman Allen stated that he appreciated everyone who supported him during his tenure as Chair to Council during the previous several years. He advised before the balloting started that he would not be a candidate for office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations were made:

Motion by Mr. Edmond Blue to nominate Ms. Mickey Rogers as Chair to Council.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick to nominate Mr. Marion Wright as Chair to Council

Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue to nominate Ms. Jean McLean as Vice-Chairman.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean that the nominations come to a close.

Ballots were distributed to all Council Members for Chair. Ballots were marked and placed in a box – returned to Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk to Council, who counted and registered the votes along with Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney. The votes were read aloud as they were counted. The following votes were given:

Mr. Marion Wright – 5 Votes, Ms. Mickey Rogers – 2 Vote, and 1 abstain. Official Ballot Totals were 5/2/1 in Favor of Mr. Marion Wright.

Mr. McDonald requested that Council approve Mr. Wright by acclamation so there would be no questions in the public view. All were agreeable.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean to approve Mr. Marion Wright as Chair to Council. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Ms. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Ken Allen. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote 7/0/1. Motion Carried.

Ballots were distributed to all Council Members for Vice-Chair. Ballots were marked and placed in a box – returned to Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk to Council, who counted and registered the votes along with Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney. The votes were read aloud as they were counted. The following votes were given:

Ms. Jean McLean – 7 Votes, 1 abstain. Official Ballot Totals were 7/0/1 in favor of Ms. Jean McLean.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to approve Ms. Jean McLean as Vice-Chair to Council. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Ms. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Ken Allen. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote 7/0/1. Motion Carried.

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Mr. Ken Allen asked Mr. Marion Wright and Ms. Jean McLean to come forward. He welcomed Mr. Marion Wright as Chair and Ms. Jean McLean as Vice-Chair. The gavel was turned over to Chairman Wright. Chairman Wright proceeded with the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

No Citizens were heard.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Ken Allen along fellow Council Members congratulated Mr. Marion Wright and Ms. Jean McLean.

Mr. Jeff Quick wished Ms. Hubbard best wishes. Mr. Donnie McDonald stated that he had worked with four Administrator's and he wished to state that Ms. Hubbard had been the best.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were adopted February 16, 2006

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council